

A Quantum Spirit

What's a Quantum?

quantum: of or related to finitude; implying a precise amount based on the smallest measurable partitioning; as an adjective, indicating an attempt to reduce something to the lowest discernible level, getting down to the fundamentals or the essence of the subject and often associated with paradoxical results

Quantum logic or quantum reasoning is an attempt to reduce bias in thinking. Given the indisputable fact that the human mind cannot operate without an established context, the endeavor makes no pretense of removing all bias. Rather, it is concerned with reducing the effects of bias by recognizing various types of reasoning from other contexts and comparing them.

In particular, we as Westerners need to confront the false assumption that our rules and form of logic are the universal standard. By comparing with the wider range of intellectual cultures from other civilizations, we can begin to understand the limits that Westerners unknowingly place on their investigation of things. This applies to Western Christianity, as well. Most Christians recognize the phrase, "walking in the Spirit." Unfortunately, most Christians have a very poor idea of what that actually means. They might be able to discuss it intelligently, but actually doing it is another matter entirely. Typically, they have some underlying assumption that "more spiritual" means a higher level of cerebral operation. Such is utterly foreign to the Bible.

Quantum Reality

The fundamental question of the Greek philosophers was posed as, "What is true?" Their motive was less obvious. Truth itself was not the actual objective, but was the intermediate goal, the place at which we must first arrive before we can know how to act in this world. The implied question was more of, "What can we know such that we can act on it?"

Their approach is to gather as much data as possible at any given time and act according to the information arising from the data. The mainstream of Greek philosophy insisted that human logic and reason, properly trained, could arrive at a decision by analyzing the data. If you asked Aristotle, he would have told you his analytical system of values and assumptions about reality were very nearly self-evident. Based on this, science was able to proceed through some pretty amazing discoveries that those ancient philosophers could not have

imagined. Just think about computers, for example. The scientists knew there was a lot of potential and spent decades poking and improving the methods if inquiry until we now have a society that could not function without them.

Maybe you've heard of quantum computing. Maybe you know it has to do with being able to process exponentially faster than current binary digital systems. It has to do with giving a computer the ability to do multiple tasks at once on the same data at the same time. It's not multiple processors and hyperthreading; it's multiple threads in the same operation at the same time on the same single processor, so to speak. It takes advantage of advanced physics where a given bit of memory register need not be restricted to either a positive or negative charge, but can exhibit characteristics of both and neither. It's closer to how reality actually works.

The future of computing is not some chaotic state of fuzzy logic, but simply not restricted to binary logic. Quantum computing means controlling and using these alternative states to amplify the process. The same goes with non-linear reasoning. It's not chaotic and random; it's quite orderly. But it's a system of order confusing to almost every Westerner.

Honestly, it does not require an alien intelligence. There are people around you whose heads already work that way. Granted, the vast majority of folks you see will tend to reason in binary mode, a linear form of reasoning. A single idea has to process one step at a time and it can't leave the thread until a decision is made. A thing can't be yes and no at the same time. That's a basic feature of Western Civilization. We don't do parallel logic.

What most people don't understand is that binary thinking is actually an innovation, a new form of philosophy dreamed up by the Greeks. We have trouble finding any hint of it in previous civilizations. Those other civilizations were not less intelligent and didn't lack for wise and deeply reasoning philosophers, but they didn't accept the limitations imposed by the likes of Aristotle. You'd be hard put to find it in more ancient literature, but Ancient Near Eastern (ANE) philosophers were aware of binary thinking. It was pretty much what you got from poorly educated peasants in their civilization. The more educated in those ancient societies might call someone on a false dichotomy in their literature, but that's about as close as it gets to something we would recognize. There is a sense in which quantum reasoning was the norm until the Greeks came along. That is, parallel competing concepts and paradoxes were not confusing to other civilizations.

In the Hebrew intellectual background, since it arose in the ANE, someone like Solomon could look upon a particular situation in society. He could see how it

would be wise for one fellow to aim at one thing, while for that fellow's brother, wisdom means a competing aim. At the same time, Solomon might realize both were wrong in different ways. He had no trouble discerning that something could be good and bad at the same time, even on the same level. Sometimes competition is about the only right path for humans in their own contexts. There doesn't have to be one right answer, and Solomon could have seen that all at once.

This is over-simplified, of course. The grasp of a divine moral principle does not necessarily end in neat and tidy answers for everyone at once. Reality itself is of the quantum flavor, not the binary. That's why quantum computing could someday work, and it's why Western Civilization will corrode from the inside. The science of computer processing logic has come full circle and will soon escape the boundaries of what gave it birth. The West is hard wired in binary and can't adapt to running quantum logic. So as more and more people start to think along quantum reality lines, they'll have to leave the West behind. It will be scrapped like today's binary computers will be once quantum hardware becomes easily available.

And who knows? It may well catch up to where the ANE philosophers were.

Quantum Morality

People today who embrace the ANE quantum thinking in their pursuit of New Testament faith fall under the label of Christian Mysticism.

Christian Mystics are facing multiple conflicting streams of consciousness. It's worse if you haven't been at it long, because you are still dragging around a bunch of leftover Western assumptions. It's bad enough when you understand Hebrew morality pretty well. The peace of God's morality is one thing, far removed from Western Christianity; the peace of His living Spirit is another.

We have a strong body of moral wisdom in God's Laws. The Law Covenants – Noah and Moses – (AKA "Laws" with a capital "L") do a good job of explaining things from a human standpoint, but they assume a Hebrew mystical intellectual background. Once you absorb the mystical morality behind the Law Covenants, you begin to operate on a fairly high level. But Jesus warned us that isn't the same as walking in the Spirit. The Laws allow one standard of moral behavior, but the Spirit holds forth a yet higher demand. We want His peace, but we want even more to participate in His glory. Nothing in the Laws is ever wrong, but it may leave you somewhere short of His glory. Recognizing this requires quantum reasoning.

Humans can generally succeed with God's justice by the Laws. There is enough room to make mistakes and come back to repent. You aren't expected to be perfect in any Western sense. You are expected to be perfect in the sense of maturity about your own weaknesses. Humans cannot rise to the higher spiritual standards even with the purest motives. The Spirit empowers us to see and desire that higher level, and God works through our desire to bring some semblance of it, but it's not the same thing. It's still a matter of being mature enough to know you'll fail, but the internal demands for holiness are far higher.

The spiritual level is far more nuanced and depends on a living connection to the Spirit that simply isn't possible on the human level of good Hebrew morality. Under the Laws, you have to run through a ritual to get a word from God on something specific. In Christ, we generally get it directly without all the rigmarole. It does take some time to learn and get used to, but it's the norm for those operating in the Spirit.

Let's pick on an obvious example. Under the Law Covenants, you are justified in resisting violently any attack on your family. You may suffer certain tactical limitations, but the general rule is: If you feel moved to try it, do so. It's your duty and you should expect God's moral fabric to support it. Yes, that includes resisting Child Protective Services and shooting at cops who would kidnap your children. Again, it might be tough to pull off, but there's no moral prohibition. As a general principle, we know God says He doesn't support any agency interfering with the family, and any government that does is illegitimate in His eyes.

In the Spirit, you'll have a different set of considerations. First, you'll be more likely to know beforehand the probabilities of failure. Even if it's not that specific, you'll have the awareness of trouble coming your way. The entire context of spiritual operation raises your level of awareness to a higher plane, directly or in the company of other spiritual folk. You'll also have that element of faith not quite possible under the Law. People under the Law do trust God, but the trust is pre-programmed, as it were. In the Spirit, you get a live connection and you'll be told where to invest your faith against human odds. It's never against the Laws, but sometimes requires a different action than mere Laws suggest. You are more likely to avoid trouble by making adjustments in faith that someone under the Laws would never think about.

What rips most of us apart is the confusion of having both of those running through our heads at the same time. Western minds revolt at quantum parallel reasoning. Having a firm grip on biblical morality and on spiritual operations can make you feel of two minds. Both are morally correct, but the spiritual level

is obviously preferred. Still, you'll find yourself sometimes in the grip of some strong impulses that are merely a matter of Laws. Nor is any of this a matter of success on the human level. The Laws bring optimal human life. Operating in the Spirit can end your life more quickly, but if so, you should welcome the call Home, something missing from the Laws. Spiritually guided minds pretty much stand ready to die any time; with a little work, they stand ready for just about anything short of death.

It was a tall order for Gentiles becoming Christians. They became aware of the Spirit Realm first, and then had to go back and learn the morality. The Laws formed a repository of examples that they were to abstract on the spiritual-mystical plane of thought – “rightly dividing” what was their Bible then, the Old Testament. They still had a lot moral habits of mind to change, with a lot of consequent changes in lifestyle. But they were free to discover the ultimate gift of God for living on this earth in their current context. It's an even taller order for we who are born two millennia later in the West.

Everything in our society militates against both Laws and Spirit.

Quantum Truth; Behavioral Deception

A fundamental concern in quantum morality is how we handle our fellow humans.

One of our biggest mistakes as humans is classifying people. We have a jillion labels we use and it makes us feel so very intelligent when we can describe where someone fits in the catalog. The overuse of the Meyers-Briggs matrix is an example. You'll notice when real people take the battery of questions, they become infuriated at how the inventory forces them into neat categories that don't actually fit. If the Meyers-Briggs inventory doesn't piss you off, you should have serious doubts about your sanity. If you take the results of that test seriously, you'll never understand how to deal with the Spirit.

The MBT makes zero allowance for mysticism, and summarily rejects the very existence of quantum moral reasoning. You aren't permitted to be more than one person on the MBT; the variations are pitifully narrow. This makes it as a whole one very ugly lie.

It's not as if we can't learn something useful from it, but it's so disastrously stupid to take any of it seriously. That falls into the same category with people who buy into our teaching with far too much enthusiasm. That sort of cathexis is dangerous, and signals a serious moral failure within the student. We don't run through life announcing that we are Christian Mystics, waving the pennants and

wearing the team colors. There's a place for that, but in our current social structure, people take such things far too seriously.

The sense of identity has nothing to do with all those externals. It has to do with a sense of commitment and calling that transcends our human existence. We don't classify each other, but strive to actually know each other. It's the complex interaction of knowing there are certain burdens we share and foibles we accept because that's what we face in our Western world. Unless you live in physical proximity, you can't actually be on the same team, as it were.

In every social context, we may well have a different answer to different folks asking exactly the same questions. Real people don't fit into neat categories and no amount of effort can make us all mean the same thing by the same questions. Since we can't see what's inside their heads, the best we can do is answer according to the whims of the moment arising from how ever much attention we are paying to our own spiritual nature. Stock answers for everyone just won't happen. Even if we fully understand the common categories and expressions, using them might be a blatant lie in itself.

Most of the time, our best answer might take the shape of inviting people to think of us as space aliens. Never presume to ask that they not judge us; that's not a valid request, given human nature. Rather, the point is to warn them that getting to know us might be a challenge.

The only thing we need to know about another person is how God wants us to handle them. This is the quintessential question the Bible teaches about all of our experiences in this life. The primary issue in all things is the moral issue. Western society scarcely recognizes the question, and offers precious little support for the approach. Instead, it often prescribes hostility for such a question. It's not efficient to operate in quantum moral thinking. However, in quantum moral reasoning, efficiency is a very minor point of consideration. Time is not precious until it is invested; the resources of this world are meaningless outside of moral considerations.

There will be a significant amount of time that seems wasted because there is no apparent return. While that is a factor in what you decide to do at any given moment, you can't rely on it too heavily. The whole point of discussing quantum moral reasoning is to ensure we don't limit ourselves to any single channel of operations, but free the soul to chase multiple threads simultaneously. Your contextual response may seem simple to observers, but you can't afford to throttle down your sense of awareness. If something in the moment draws you far away from the physical context, that's just one of those things we face as humans. We accept it as our norm.

Human behavioral science is full of useful facts packaged in the most repulsive lie.

Do not be conformed to this present world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may test and approve what is the will of God – what is good and well-pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2

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